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Shatin	7.02	8.27	10.52	12.07	3.22	4.37	5.52	7.07
Taipei	7.16	8.41	11.04	12.19	3.36	4.51	6.06	7.21
Taipei Market	7.31	8.56	11.19	12.34	3.50	5.05	6.20	7.35
Fanning	7.32	8.57	11.20	12.35	3.51	5.06	6.21	7.36
Shenzhen	7.38	9.03	11.26	12.41	3.57	5.12	6.27	7.42
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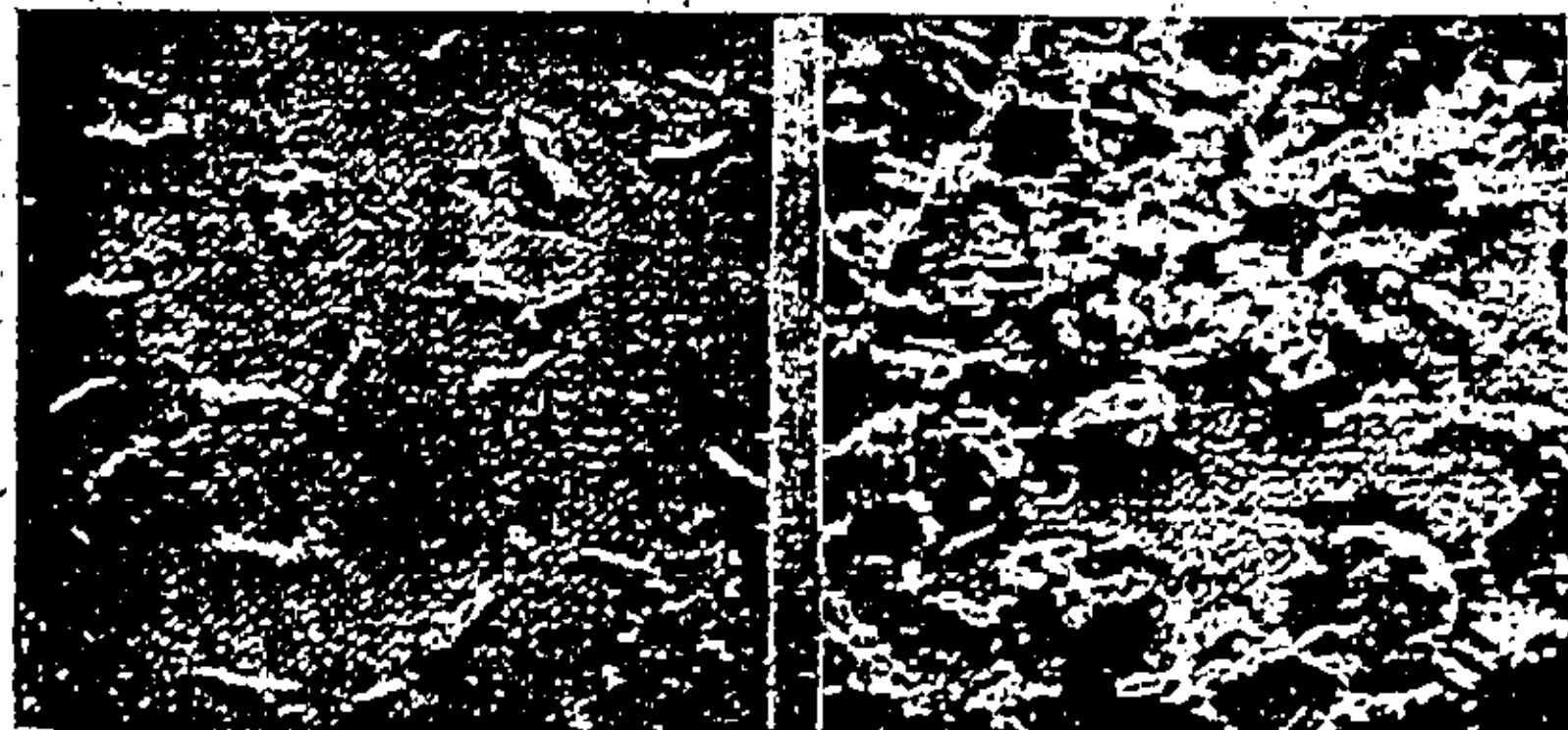
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His wife—and a wife should be no bad judge of a man's real temper—described him as having been "born in a whirlwind and bred a tyrant," and as she herself never ceased lamenting that she had been brought up by three maiden aunts in an atmosphere of "rigidity and frigidity," his connubial felicity was somewhat chequered. Porson, one of his few superiors in Greek, used to say, "Parr would have been a great man but for three things—his wife, his trade, and his politics." His "trade," at first, was that of schoolmaster and curate combined, and he is famous in the annals of Harrow as having been robbed of the vacant headmastership, because of his youthful looks and then for having taken away with him forty-four Harrow boys who had signed a round robin to the Governors praying for his election—when he left and started a rival, but short-lived, establishment at neighbouring Stanmore.

As an educationist Parr encouraged his boys in English composition by allowing them to substitute English poetry for Latin, but he gave them a sound flogging if the English verses which they produced were bad. There were no "soft options" with Dr. Parr. Cricket he encouraged, and football. If his boys fought he merely stipulated that they should fight with- in sight of his study windows. "Head- masters are different now."

But it is not as pedagogue but as con- troversialist that Samuel Parr is best re- membered. They called him "the British Ape," and he lived up to the name. Johnson, after a long postprandial dis- course with him, declared emphatically: "Parr is a fair man." But that night Parr was a meek disciple and doubtless behaved with becoming deference to the Great Cham of Literature. With other controversialists, Parr usually wielded a bludgeon—taken from the "Johannian rack"—and it may well be believed that one who could start and finish in a single day his "Letter from Irenopolis, or: A Serious Address to the Dissenters of Birmingham, By a Member of the Estab- lished Church," was a formidable anti- agonist. He did not disdain preferment, and on the principle of the judicious Eighteenth Century cleric who said that no man reached Heaven the sooner by asking for preferment, he too drew near at times, though with a just and proud independence, to the seats of the mighty. Indeed, he trod one of the most ingenious mazes of pluralism when he exchanged his perpetual curacy at Hutton for a rectory in another county, but still continued to reside where he was—having made the parsonage comfortable to his tastes—as deputy curate. Whenever the authentic curate—who was an evangelical—preached his obligatory annual sermon, Parr on the next Sunday would demolish his argu- ment with the greatest gusto.

Those who sat under Dr. Parr did not lack entertainment, as well as strong ex- position, unless they were like a certain Lord Mayor of London, who complained of his Spital Sermon in 1800 that there were four things in it which he disliked:—viz., the four quarters struck by the Newgate clock. Parr took a prebend or two, in his stride—though Lord Thurlow roughly refused him one with an oath—and Sir Francis Burdett, the Radical, handsomely added an extra living. But what the Doctor's heart was really set on was a mitre, and of that he had a strong desire. He was cruelly disappointed. He lived in Tory days. When Fox entered upon his brief spell of triumph in 1800 the bells pealed merrily at Hutton, and Parr used to say that if only the Fox Ad- ministration had lasted a fortnight longer, "Dr. Huntingford was to have been translated to Hereford, and I should have had Gloucester."

The good Doctor had actually made all his plans, so certain was he that the prize was his. "I had determined," he said, "that no clergyman in my diocese who had occasion to call upon me should depart without partaking of my dinner"—clear proof that most dioceses were not so hospitable—"and in the House of Lords I should seldom have opened my mouth unless"—this he added with great warmth—"any noble lord had presumed to attack the character of my friend Charles Fox, and then I would have knocked him down with the full torrent of my impetuosity." The annals of the British Parliament were cheated of a stirring scene when "Charley" went out a fortnight too soon. So it was that Parr died in his parsonage, and not in a palace, and his ingrained habit of "scur- ring in the regions of religious and political liberty" cost him dear. For as he scur- red he fluttered his great wings and rained down showers of contumely on all who disputed his view of Church and State. He was in all ways a strong, and hearty "character." He who would dance round the maypole with his parishioners "exulted" in talking to (Continued at foot of next column.)

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These figures are inclusive of allow- ances.
Army officers, says the Delhi corres- pondent of *The Times*, appear to consider that the terms of revision of pay generally meet the just demands of officers still serving, and may also be calculated to revive British recruitment of the Army in India, although experience alone can determine the accuracy of that view.

Jeremy Bentham. He smoked in his own vestry, and he had a pipe with the Ro- gent at Carlton House. He wrote an almost illegible hand, though a slattern in the mornings, he dressed in full pomp at nights; he remembered—perhaps un- unique in this—being suckled by his mother, and he joyfully boasted that his "stomach had never complained for seventy-three years." The supreme pity is, as has been well said, that Parr lacked his Boswell. That is a misfortune, unhappily, which time can do nothing to mitigate and posterity little to repair.—*The Daily Telegraph*.

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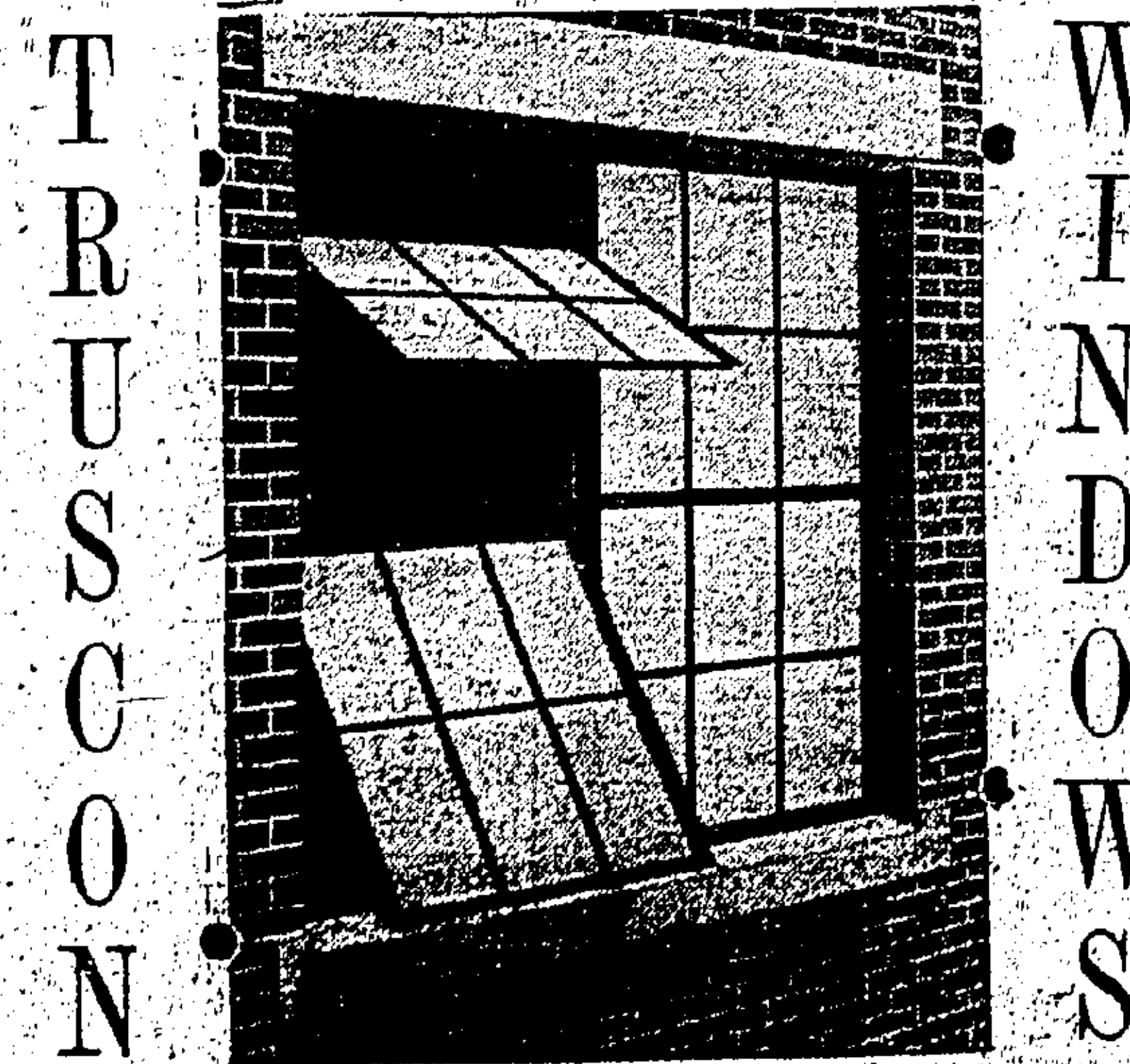
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THE GOLD STANDARD. MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

Earl Beauchamp presided recently at a
meeting of the Sound Currency Association,
which was held by permission of the
Lord Mayor at the Mansion House.

There was a large attendance.
Mr. D. M. Mason moved the adoption
of the report. The association was hope-
ful, he said, that an approach was being
made towards the object it aimed at—
the resumption of specie payments and
the restoration of a free market in gold.
He argued that wherever there had been
gross inflation the increase in currency
had unquestionably reflected on exchange,
and until currency was brought back to
the real needs of the country we were not
likely to return to parity. They believed
that if the Government made a declara-
tion that within six months they would
restore specie payments in this country
and a free market in gold they would
be able to bring about conditions that would
enable us to maintain the parity of ex-
change. They desired to see restored the
mechanism of exchange, which was the
basis of our trade, and that could only
be done by the restoration of the sound-
ness of our currency. We had too much
paper currency in the country to-day,
and until there was contraction the goal
would never be achieved. A free market
in gold would have an influence on our
Dominions and others, as it was the key
to the revival of trade, which everybody
desired.

Sir Drummond Fraser, who seconded,
thought that the depreciation of the last
few years was due to the reduction in the
world's volume of trade. Our mobilised
gold reserve in the Bank of England and
currency note account of £155,000,000 was
an automatic check on fluctuations in
the normal exchange value of the pound
sterling in connection with international
trade. European countries had added
£200,000,000 to their gold stock since 1914.
One might, he thought, leave the manage-
ment of these gold reserves to the Bank
of England, and in co-operation with
other Central Europe banks, with full
confidence that the exchange values of
the currencies linked to the gold standard
would be maintained. The return to the
gold standard did not mean that £1 and
10s. notes for pocket or bill purposes
would be exchanged for gold coins. We
did not need gold coins. What was re-
quired was the convertibility of the note
into gold bullion. The removal of the
embargo on gold would restore confidence
and induce other countries to follow our
example to revalue their currencies, and
stabilise them on a gold basis.

The report was approved.
Mr. Pownall moved; and Mr. W. J.
Cook seconded the following resolution,
which was also carried.

"That the meeting desires the ex-
ecutive committee to appoint a deputa-
tion to interview the Chancellor of the
Exchequer at the earliest possible
opportunity in order to obtain from
him a declaration as to the date when
specie payments will be resumed and
a free market in gold restored in this
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The net profit of the Bank for the past
half-year, after providing for all bad and
doubtful debts, rebate on bills, etc.,
shows Yen 14,177,952.77 inclusive of Yen
5,268,825.60 brought forward from last
account.

The Directors propose that Yen
3,000,000 be added to the Reserve Fund,
and recommend a dividend at the rate
of 12 per cent. per annum, which will
absorb Yen 6,000,000.

The balance, Yen 5,417,952.77, will be
carried forward to the credit of next
account.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 18th, 1925.	
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H.K. & M. Steamships	\$37 s.
"Star" Ferries	\$37 nom.
Wharfedale	\$36 b.
China Sugar	\$36 b.
Langkate (combined)	Tls. 27 s.
Kwai-lon Wharves	\$191 b.
Whampoa Docks	\$121 s.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 125 b.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$15.15 b. & ss.
Hongkong Lands	\$24 s.
Summers Estates	\$304 b. 204 ss.
Mill	Tls. 12 s. & ss.
Shanghai Cotton Tls. 60 b. (new) Tls. 30 s.	
Oriental	Tls. 3.90 b. & ss.
Cement (combined)	\$32 b. 32 s.
China Lights (combined)	\$32 nom.
Provident (combined)	\$33 b.
Dairy Farm	\$23 b.
Hongkong Electric	\$34 b.
Hongkong Ropes (combined)	\$48 s. \$47 7/8 ss.
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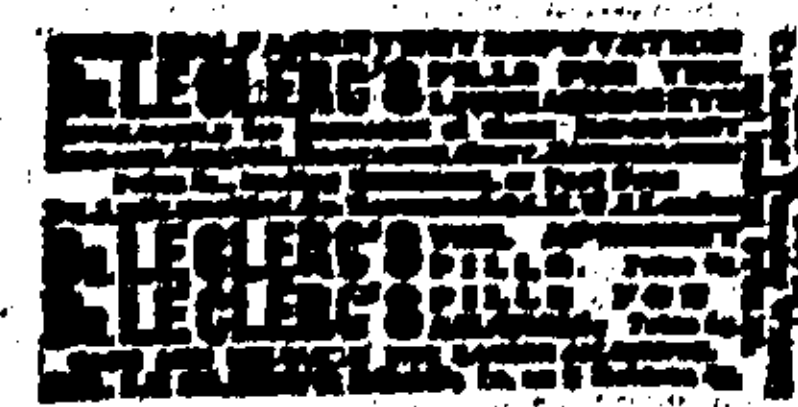


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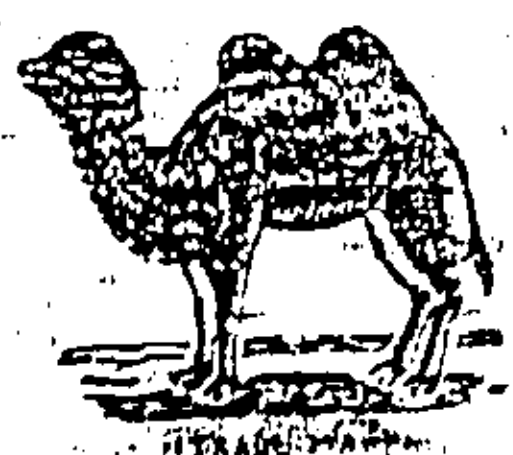
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THE LESSONS OF THE TESTS.

ENGLAND AND AUSTRALIA AT
THE WICKET.

TEAM WORK AND ITS REAL
SIGNIFICANCE.

[BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF
"THE OBSERVER"]

There is a traveller's tale, believed to be well founded, that when the cannibals of the Fiji Islands were converted to Christianity, matches were played between the towns, or villages, or tribes—one forgets which—with 300 players on each side, and that the struggle endured for a whole day before one game was decided. Clearly, this was a fight to a finish. On a much less expensive scale Australia and England have concluded their tournament, but their rubber of five matches have been crowded into a month of thirty-one days.

Each of the first three encounters extended into seven days, and the last two into five days. Of course, this is rather over six days for each match; not quite so time-consuming, so soul-destroying as the practice was in the Fiji Islands, but quite long enough to decide even an Imperial Championship at cricket's main trial.

There are those who, placing the prize before the pastime, lament the defeat of England. Well, let them weep if they can comfort themselves. The team sent out by the M.C.C. and captained by Arthur Gilligan, have lost four matches out of five. Hence the wailing of the Jeremiahs and the tears of the weaker brethren. Let us congratulate Australia and nurse the hope of completely reversing these figures next year—if we must play for prizes, for results above all things.

Without special pleading, or many inventions to excuse the English eleven, it is well to examine the situation with some minuteness. When Arthur Gilligan was responding to a toast at the luncheon given by Lord Forster, the Governor-General, after the rubber had been decided at Adelaide, the English captain was credited with this remark: "I hope the next two matches will be good struggles, but I hope they will not last seven days."

Here was the very Mark Tapley of cricket, betraying a sign of weariness of the flesh. In Australia, our men have imposed upon them Australian conditions—eight to a finish—regardless of the flight of days, eight balls to the over, as well as all-Local conditions of wicket and weather, which are, of course, inevitable. But matches of this character are not games. This is not quite cricket as we understand it. This is called by Tests.

The first Test lasted 20 hours 32 minutes (average 7 hours 28 minutes per innings), the second 28 hours 57 minutes (average 7 hours 14 minutes per innings), the third 29 hours 56 minutes (average 6 hours 44 minutes per innings), the fourth 18 hours 48 minutes (average 6 hours 16 minutes per innings), and the fifth 15 hours 20 minutes (average 4 hours 33 minutes per innings).

These statistics, which are, unfortunately, necessary, show the gradual diminution of time over each struggle as nervous strain and physical fatigue slowly but surely exhausted the players. Before a ball was bowled we recall that both Warwick Armstrong and Herbert Collins assessed the rival forces as nearly equal, and suggested that the matches would become tests of endurance. To a very large extent this is what they have been, and the conditions have never been the same for each side.

The first three Tests answered the question that had to be settled. Australia batted first on each occasion. Their opening innings passed through 19 hours and 30 minutes, 9 hours and 38 minutes, and 8 hours and 45 minutes. The smallest total of Collins and his comrades was 450—to lead off with, and England never went to bat for the last innings without having to make at least 372 to win—and this was a total two runs in excess of the previous record in the fourth innings established at Adelaide in 1921. Well might one groan escape from Gilligan. Had he written on his bat *hic labor, hic opus est* he would merely have proved that he was human.

It was one of cricket's little ironies that when the rubber had been lost "heads" came up and England batted first. Then the Australians were fielding equal to follow on for the first time for 20 years and were beaten by merit according to impartial eye-witnesses. In the last match, when the process of exhaustion was nearly complete, no player could raise an individual century and the weaker went to the wall.

A WARNING EXAMPLE.
Never has there been a series of Test matches comparable with this tournament, and those belots in England, who have desired to intoxicate themselves with fights to a finish when the Australians are with us have had a warning by example. After devoting 123 hours, or thereabouts to this argument with Australia, we are vanquished. But our men have broken records and yet not been able to win. That is a tribute to the team strength of the foe, but also to our incapacity under "foreign" conditions. It is a feat to have scored 411 in the fourth innings, for Hobbs to have surpassed all men with nine centuries in Tests (and three each in series), for H. P. Sutcliffe to have reached an aggregate which exceeds that of any player in any rubber, for Sutcliffe to make three hundreds in successive innings, for Sutcliffe to have deprived Warren Bardsley of his splendid collection in making two centuries in the same Test Match, for Hobbs and Sutcliffe to have placed more than 100 on the scoreboard before the first wicket fell in three consecutive innings, and for Tate

(Continued on next column).

LADY'S SUICIDE AT DOVER.

VICTIM OF JAPAN EARTHQUAKE.

Tragic experiences which had befallen Mrs. Olive May, the lady who on March 14th was found shot in the Grand Hotel, Dover, were related at the inquest two days later by her brother-in-law, Mr. Walter Matthew May, of Friers-road, East Dulwich. Mr. May identified the body as that of the widow of his brother, who was killed in the great Yokohama earthquake of September, 1923. Since returning to England in July last, Mr. May said his sister-in-law had suffered from neurasthenia and insomnia, which he attributed to the shock she experienced when her husband was killed. She had gone out with her husband after the first shock of earthquake, and he had proceeded to his business with less than a day and a half, publishers, while his wife went to a shop. In the great earthquake shock at noon the publishers' building was destroyed, and Mr. May was killed. The wife was sitting in a room with buildings collapsing all around, and fires breaking out. She got to her husband's office to find it a heap of ruins, and although fire had broken out she twice attempted to get amongst the ruins. She was only persuaded to go away at last by being told that her husband had been taken on a refugee ship. She was taken on another ship, but for many months she refused to believe that her husband was dead. She was fairly comfortably off, and had never threatened suicide.

Clarence Randall, of Rona-road, Hampstead, a brother of Mrs. May, said his sister seemed quite cheerful latterly. Other evidence showed that the lady arrived at the Grand Hotel on March 14th, and two nights later, when no reply could be got from her room, the door was opened and she was found shot. Dr. Richardson, police surgeon, stated that he found Mrs. May dead in a chair, with a wound in her forehead and a loaded revolver, from which one shot had been fired, on a table close by. The coroner returned a verdict that she met her death by shooting herself, not being of sound mind.

ANTI-DAZZLE LIGHT TEST.

EFFECTIVE DEVICES SHOWN IN LONDON.

A demonstration of anti-dazzle motor headlights and devices took place recently in the Grand Park under the auspices of the Royal Automobile Club. No fewer than 40 cars, each fitted with a different kind of anti-dazzle device, paraded in procession past a crowd of motoring enthusiasts. As each car passed it was possible to measure the success of its device by the volume of applause. One driver whose lamps did not meet with approval was greeted with a cry of "Put them out!"

Most of the lamps were based on the proposed design of Transport Bill, for dealing with the dazzle problem, that is, the beams of the lights were controlled so as to come below the vision of approaching drivers and pedestrians. The result was arrived at in a variety of ways, mechanical, and by the arrangement of reflectors.

It was possible to gain some idea of the effect of motor-car lighting under such regulations.

As the cars approached the crowd the result was quaint. All one could see was a mass of people cut off at the waist-line. Heads and the upper parts of the body were almost invisible. Tree trunks in the park were brightly illuminated. Branches were cut off.

The idea of the demonstration was to show that there are in existence a number of inventions which mitigate the dazzle light evil and to encourage motorists and car makers to use them. The Ministry of Transport officials and chief constables from many counties were present.

BEST BRITISH TRADITIONS.

These successes are not negligible; not of minor account. It is wise to place this tour in its right perspective, and we could congratulate ourselves after 1920-21 and after 1921 at home. When we look back and think of the arrival of men like Sutcliffe and Tate, who have lived and played up to the best traditions of English cricket, of the good yearling quality of such proved men as Hobbs and Strudwick, and of the coming of Kiner and Whyall, there is not the least justification for despondency. Rather let us be hopeful that 1925 will see the complete restoration of English cricket—so nobly commenced.

The men and the spirit of the majority of our batsmen, a weakness never anticipated, and the lack of a bowler to render effective help to Tate have been the causes of defeat. The Australians have had more team-strength, have man for man attained a higher level of sustained excellence. It is for England to concentrate upon the building of team power and to encourage ambitious youths who have gifts for the game. English cricket was of higher quality when the rival counties were fewer in number and more on the plane of equality. We can learn from Australia, for in Sydney and Melbourne they are inclined to reduce the number of their clubs and to grade more carefully for the premier groups. Their desire is for more regular cricket of the best class obtainable. The character of Australian cricket is that they never seem satisfied, they are always working for improvement and for ever looking to the 1926. We will say no more.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

GUNBOAT'S CHANGE OF NAME.

The Chinese gunboat, *Jung Fung*, the only ship of the First Squadron of the Chinese Navy which, in 1917, deserted in order to follow the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen to Canton to start the Constitutional Movement against Northern Militarism, but returned northward in 1923 to remain faithful to the Kuomintang leaders, has changed her name to *Chung Shan*, this being another name of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen. The change of name took place in Canton Harbour on April 12th, when the Kuomintang throughout the World paid formal respect to their late chief. The *Chung Shan* was the late Dr. Sun's ship of refuge in the summer of 1922, when he was forced to flee from his Presidential Palace at the foot of the Goddess of Mercy Hill in Canton City. Dr. Sun remained on board this gunboat for 55 days in Canton before he departed on board a British gunboat for Hong Kong en route to Shanghai.

THE BUTCHERS' GRIEVANCES.

The 237 butchers in Canton have sent petition to the Civil Governor asking for the dismissal and punishment of the Canton Municipal Health Commissioner and his food inspectors who, in spite of the recent protest against their abuse of power, are, it is alleged, still acting in a very unsatisfactory manner. The petition adds that recently more than \$9,000 was collected from some 130 butchers in fines by the inspectors, but no receipts were issued by the Public Health Department. The butchers are asking for the privilege of being allowed to appoint a board of examiners who shall have the right to review all findings of the Health Department.

TAX ON A FOREIGN PROPERTY.

Mr. An Tin Sheng, of Tin Wo Company, 303, Wai Of Road, Canton City, is being detained by the Police for having failed to pay the heavy war impost on his premises, upon the advice of his landlord, who is a foreign subject now protesting against Chinese taxation of foreign properties for which he claims there are no treaty sanctions. Mr. An is protesting, as a tenant, he is not responsible for payment of the tax on the property, while the Police contend that a recent order has made it obligatory on the tenant to advance the tax and then set it off against the rental payable to the landlord.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

THE "TIMES" ON HONGKONG'S GIFT.

The *Times*, referring to Hong Kong's gift towards the Singapore base: "The debate in the House of Lords yesterday (March 14) afternoon and a 'friendly' question in the Commons revealed the notable fact that the little colony of Hong Kong has offered a quarter of a million sterling towards the construction of the naval base at Singapore. This spontaneous and generous gift shows, as nothing else could, how strongly a British Possession in the Far East feels on this matter, and how readily it takes it for granted that the present Government will proceed with the project which its predecessor discontinued." The *Times*, of course, did not know that the general public in Hong Kong were in complete ignorance of the fact that the offer had been made by the Government until after its acceptance had been announced in Parliament!

SCOTS EVERYWHERE.

A SURPRISE FOR SIR ROBERT HORNE IN BURMAH.

Sir Robert Horne at Glasgow recently related some experiences of his trip to Burma. He said he met Scots wherever he went and even spent Christmas Day with one of his constituents, whom he met in Mandalay. He went into a shop in an Eastern city to buy some shirts. The man behind the counter showed him various articles and said: "There's another line I've got here, but it will probably be too expensive for you." (Laughter.) Sir Robert asked the shopman how long he had been out of Scotland, and got the answer: "Just thirty-four years, but how did you ken on?" Being told that his accent had betrayed him, the man added: "Man, I thought I'd lost it." (Laughter.)

He went on to say that the great tragedy today was that British boys were no longer coming up for the Indian Civil Service. A distinguished Governor had told him of the last lot of Indian Civil Servants to come into his province. "Nine were natives and one was British. If that rate of progression in India would disappear entirely without any conversion, revolution, or uprising of Indian people demanding forms of native government. That was a process that must stop."

CONSTABLE IN TROUBLE.

MAN WHO WAS TOO FOND OF HIS BED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McEllderry, a Wei Mai Wei police constable, was charged with misconduct, namely parading fifteen minutes late for duty. A.S.P. Kerr stated that this was the fifth occasion on which the constable had been guilty of similar offences, to this one. The man would have been dealt with departmentally, but when he was put on report he made rather a joke of it. The man wanted to get away from the force.

Defendant said that he overslept himself and that was the reason he failed to be on duty at 4.10 that morning.

A.S.P. Kerr said while there was no proof that the man did not oversleep, it seemed as if this sort of thing was being done persistently. These offences looked somewhat deliberate.

Defendant was fined \$10, or in default two weeks' imprisonment.

DETECTIVE WOUNDED.

SEQUEL TO EARLY MORNING CHASE.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two Chinese were charged with the theft of three planks of wood from a contractor's shed in On Yau Street.

It was stated that defendants were being chased by two watchmen in the early hours of Tuesday morning, when they ran into three Chinese detectives who were on search duty in the street. They refused to stop, whereupon the police opened fire, with the result that one of the detectives was wounded in the left hand. One of the detectives outstripped the others and caught the man when a shot fired by one of his fellows, which was aimed at the fugitives, hit him in the hand.

Accused were remanded for 48 hours for the production of a witness for the defence.

RESIDENT MISSING.

MYSTERY OF MR. E. H. GUBBAY.

On March 3rd, Mr. Dickie Harry Gubbay, a member of the Jewish Community, of Elgin Street, was reported missing.

Following investigation as to the missing man's movements, since last seen in Hongkong, Mr. Gubbay was traced to Macao. From there, it appears, he took passage on the s.s. *Hang Chiung* from Macao to Canton. At three o'clock in the morning of the 14th inst., a saloon steward knocked at Mr. Gubbay's cabin door for the purpose of taking him in a cup of tea. Receiving no reply, he pushed open the door and the cabin had vanished. Mr. Gubbay's clothes were left behind and it is presumed that Mr. Gubbay either fell or jumped overboard.

LOCAL SPORT.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY AT V.R.C.

RESULT OF FIRST SEMI-FINAL.

In the first of the semi-finals in the billiards tournament for the Championship of the Colony, played at the Victoria Recreation Club last night, Mr. S. C. Kwok defeated Mr. E. W. Spry by 1,000-720.

CHIEF BREAKS.

The chief breaks were: Mr. Kwok: 21, 43, 32, 24, 22, 28, 32, 22, 24, 50, 29, 25, 25, 33, 21, 25. Mr. Spry: 28, 25, 30, 35, 33, 47, 22, 34.

FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. R.A.

HAPPY VALLEY GROUNDS CLOSED.

On the Hongkong Football Club ground, this afternoon, the H.K.F.C. will be at home to the R.A. in the first division of the League. Kick-off at 5.15 p.m. From to-day all the grounds in the island of the rice-course, Happy Valley, will be closed to footballers and at the full service of golfers.

CRICKET.

R.N. v. UNIVERSITY.

The following will represent the Hongkong University 1st XI in the postponed C.C. match against the Royal Navy C.C. on Saturday at 2 p.m. on the University ground—H. N. Ballalchett (capt.), A. A. Bannan, Rev. E. K. Quick, F. A. Rodmond, A. S. Hett, W. M. Gittins, T. O. Yew, J. L. Youngs, C. W. Lam, W. H. Sling, and B. P. Ng.

LAUNCH OF THE "CHENGTE."

NEW VESSEL FOR AUSTRALIAN COMPANY.

The wet weather yesterday did not deter in any way those invited to be present at the launch of the s.s. *Chengte* at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock. Umbrellas were much in evidence, and a large and distinguished company gathered to witness the ceremony. Among them were: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs), the Hon. Sir Claude S. G. B. Smith, K.C.M.G., M.C., Mr. H. D. F. Smith, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cressy, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. J. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. R. Douglas, Captain and Mrs. Mercer, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Captain Douglas, Miss P. Maud, Lieut.-Comdr. Conway, Hake, Rev. J. H. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shaw, Capt. R. Innes, Mr. E. W. James, Mr. C. C. Knicht, Mr. J. W. Paton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lang, Mr. T. R. Morrison, Mr. D. Harvey, Mr. J. Fleming, Mr. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Crapnell, Mrs. E. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson, Mr. T. O'Leary, Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mr. R. F. Mattingly, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gillingham, Lieut.-Comdr. C. R. Thompson, Capt. and Mrs. A. C. Kennedy, Dr. J. C. MacGowan, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Sverre Berg, Capt. Sigvald, Mr. Kelly Sayce, Capt. Williams, Mr. Kim, Mr. Hedge, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. H. W. Wildridge, Lt.-Col. Robertson, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Matthews, Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. Crane, Pay-Comdr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. Keating, Mr. Quarles van Ufford, Dr. Shellshear, Mr. Young (Lloyd's Register of Shipping), Major and Mrs. Hyland, Mr. H. Hunter, Miss McKellar, Mr. and Mrs. Weall, Mrs. Luard, Mr. R. A. Nicholson, Mr. A. W. Rowe, Mr. W. S. Bailey, Captain and Officers of the s.s. *Oustkerk*, Capt. Stewart of the s.s. *Haining*, Captain of the s.s. *Dur*, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Sanderson.

The *Chengte* was built to the order of Messrs. G. S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., Sydney, and Mrs. Douglas, wife of the Superintendent for that Company, performed the launching ceremony. The usual bottle of champagne was smashed over the bows of the vessel, and the *Chengte* slowly made her way down the slips and into the water, without a single tremor.

Mr. R. M. Dyer then called for three cheers for the s.s. *Chengte*, which were given in hearty fashion.

MR. BEITH'S WELCOME.

At a reception held afterwards, the toast of the *Chengte* and her owners was proposed by Mr. E. D. F. Beith, who said: Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen,—It gives me a great deal of pleasure to welcome you here to-day on the occasion of the launch of the good ship *Chengte*, the more so that this vessel differs both in type and ownership from anything we have constructed in the past. I venture to say that we are well known for the oil-tankers, ocean-going cargo steamers, coast and river boats that have been constructed at this dockyard, but the vessel you have just seen launched is the nearest approach to an ocean-going passenger liner that we have built and also the first for Australian owners. This vessel will be placed on the run between Hongkong, Sydney and Melbourne to cater for the trade between these important British possessions, which we hope to see materially increased before they are very much older, as it is well known that shipping brings countries into contact more than any other industry. I trust all of you who wish to make this journey will travel by the Hongkong-built product and I feel confident that you will be comfortable and well looked after and be instrumental in the placing of further orders with our Company. It must be of considerable interest to some of you who have watched the development of ship-building in Hongkong, to have witnessed this launch and I trust before very long you will have opportunities of attending similar functions of this nature for ships of still larger dimensions. Mr. Beith then gave a few details of the main features of the vessel and thanked Mrs. Douglas for so efficiently launching the ship, asking her to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, which was in the form of a diamond pendant.

MR. DOUGLAS REPLIES.

Mr. DOUGLAS replied, and submitting the toast of the future prosperity of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, said that it was his pleasant duty, though rather difficult one at the moment, to thank those present for the hearty manner in which they had sent off the new steamer, the *Chengte*, and also to thank

on behalf of his wife, the Dock Company for their delightful souvenir in honour of the occasion. (Applause.) That little ship, the *Chengte*, he thought they would all agree with him is the best that can be turned out, better than they could do it on the Clyde or the Tyne, though he thought that Australia would give them a run for their money. It must be a good ship, having been built to Lloyd's requirements, and remembering a lecture by Mr. Walter Lang some short while ago, they all knew it was very difficult indeed to pass the standard. When his name was in the market for tonnage, the directors called for tenders from all parts of the world and though he (Mr. Douglas) remarked that Hongkong had turned out many good ships, he had to leave it to Mr. Cook and Mr. Scott to convince them. He hoped they would join with him in a toast to the Dock Company.

MR. DYER RESPONDS.

Mr. R. M. Dyer responded, and thanked Mr. Douglas for his kind remarks and said that though this was a new departure for them—they all looked forward to building more mail boats—he hoped this was only the fore-runner of many others of similar nature and of even larger dimensions. He expressed, on behalf of the Company, their thanks to the staff, both European and Chinese, for the very good work they had put into the vessel. He thought that the *Chengte* would show Australia what could be done in Hongkong. (Applause.)

THE SHIP DESCRIBED.

The *Chengte* is a steel single-screw steamer, having the following dimensions: Length overall 360' 6", Length B.P. 350' 0", Breadth Mld. 48' 0", Depth Mld. to upper deck 28' 0", and is designed to carry 3,000 tons dead-weight on a mean draft of 20 ft. 6 in. The vessel is of the two-deck type with poop, and bridge, combined, top gallant fore-castle, promenade deck, and boat decks aft and amidships. She is constructed to Lloyd's requirements under special survey for their highest class, and fitted out to satisfy full requirements of the Australian Navigation Act as regards life-saving apparatus and equipment, Australian Fire Regulations, and to comply with the Hongkong Board of Trade requirements for a passenger vessel carrying passengers, including Board of Trade convention—rules for passenger vessels as applied by the Hongkong Government. The forward hold and 'tween decks are insulated for the carriage of frozen meat and chilled produce, and No. 3 'tween decks for frozen and chilled produce and ship's stores, the total capacity being 48,000 cubic feet.

REFRIGERATION PLANT.

The refrigeration is done on the ammonia brine pipe system with two machines installed by Messrs. Haslam's Foundry & Engineering Co., Ltd., Derby, England. Cargo is carried in the forward and after holds and 'tween decks. The facilities for working of cargo are four derricks, and four winches fitted, each to Nos. 1 and 2 hatches, and two derricks and two winches, each to Nos. 3 and 4 hatches. The winches are of the double acting Cyclops type by Messrs. Clarke Chapman & Co., Ltd. Water ballast or fresh water is carried in the peaks while the double bottom is suitable for oil fuel as well as ballast. Oil fuel is also carried in a cross deep tank situated forward and sides of the boiler room. The rudder is controlled from the bridge by telemotor gear, which is led to Hattie's vertical combined steam and hand steering gear situated in a house on the poop deck and directly connected to the rudder head. A powerful Clarke Chapman windlass is fitted for working the anchors and cables.

PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.

The ship has accommodation amidships for forty first-class passengers in single and two berth cabins, fitted with all the latest conveniences, with a direct supply of water, electric fans and heaters. There are also two suites of cabins *de-luxe* with private baths. The public rooms consist of dining saloon, music room, lounge, smoke-room and verandah cafe, handsomely fitted, out in teak, set off with carved pilasters, the furniture throughout being specially designed in selected teak wood. Accommodation is provided for thirty second-class passengers in the poop 'tween decks in two berth cabins, with public rooms, dining saloon, smoke room and ladies' lounge. Accommodation is also provided for twenty-six second-class Chinese passengers in bridge 'tween decks. Space is also provided for 182 deck passengers in the fore-castle and lower 'tween-decks forward. The captain, officers and engineers are accommodated in houses on the boat deck amidships. The crew are berthed in the fore-castle and after end of the poop.

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ARMS CHARGE.

CHINESE SENT FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. S. B. B. McElderry, a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 2 revolvers and 9 rounds of ammunition.

The evidence showed that he had only been in the Colony for 21 days and was arrested on Monday morning by three Chinese detectives in Wellington Street. The detectives saw him carrying a paper parcel, and when one of them asked what it contained defendant refused to show it. Suspecting that it contained stolen property, the detectives arrested defendant and took him to the Central Police Station, where it was found that the parcel consisted of two revolvers, both loaded, wrapped in part of a vernacular newspaper.

The Police Armourer stated that the revolvers were serviceable, and that while the ammunition was not made for this make of revolver, they could be fired. He further stated that the smaller of the two weapons had been fired within the last few days.

Defendant stated that he picked the parcel up near the Central Fire Station. He did not know what the parcel contained and intended to take it back to the foks' quarters at Tung Shing Lane. His Worship committed defendant for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

"PROPHYLACTIC."

ALLEGED INFRINGEMENTS OF TRADE MARK.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, the summonses against two companies in connection with alleged infringements of the "Prophylactic" tooth brush trade mark were again mentioned.

Mr. Hugh Jones prosecuted in each instance. In the case of the Tai Yau Co., Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence, and said that he understood from Mr. Hugh Jones that he was not proceeding on the question of fraudulent imitation of the trade mark, but only on the point that a false trade description had been applied. So far as the (Mr. Lo) could see there had been no false description, and he asked for more information regarding the matter.

Mr. Hugh Jones agreed to supply this information, and His Worship adjourned the case until this afternoon.

The other case was against the Tin Suen Co., Des Vaux Road, and in this case, Mr. Jones asked permission to withdraw the summons, stating that a satisfactory arrangement had been made regarding the matter, as the defence had entered into the usual undertaking.

His Worship gave permission for the withdrawal of the case.

COOKING AND LAUNDRY.

The culinary arrangements are in accordance with the latest practice, refrigerated provision rooms and ice machine, etc., being provided.

There is also installed an electrically driven steam laundry plant.

The vessel is electrically lighted throughout and fans are provided in all public, passenger and officers' rooms. The emergency lighting set is on the boat deck. Heating (electric and steam) is also installed to provide additional comfort in winter.

The propelling machinery constructed for the builders is placed amidships and consists of one set of triple expansion compound condensing three crank engines having cylinders 27 in. dia. 7 ft. by 48 in. stroke, fitted with Cockburn and McNicols patent stop valve and Aspinall's Governor. Steam at 200 lbs. per square inch working pressure is generated in three single ended Scotch boilers working under Howden's system of forced draught. The boilers are 16 ft. dia. diameter by 12 ft. 6 in. long and are fitted for burning coal or oil fuel with the Wallend Howden system of liquid fuel burning centre firing type. A Michell Thrust Block of the latest type is fitted. The engine room and boiler room auxiliaries are all of British make and of the latest type, and include two independent feed pumps and direct contact feed heater, one general service pump, and evaporator, one independent circulating pump, one 2,000 gallons distiller, together with the following pumps, one sanitary, one ballast, one fresh water and one deck fire pump; an auxiliary condenser with a separate circulating pump is fitted, and all pumps have brass water ends with removable gun-metal liners.

The oil fuel unit consists of a duplex set of pump heaters, filters, etc., of the Wallend Howden system, together with two transfer pumps. All oil fuel tanks are fitted with "Teledep" tank indicators. In the event of burning coal, a Grampson's self-lifting ash hoist has been installed.

CANTON "BUSINESS STRIKE."

ANOTHER CESSATION OF WORK EXPECTED TO-DAY.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Another business strike on a big scale is expected to start to-day at Canton. The members of more than 50 trade and commercial guilds have decided to close their doors as a protest against the recent mandate to levy a tax on luxuries. The tax was to have been effective on April 5th, but on appeal of guilds mostly affected, the Commissariat of Finance postponed enforcement of the mandate in order to afford time to negotiate with the traders concerned, to whom payment of a large war fund contribution and an official gift of a substantial amount were suggested in lieu of the proposed new tax. These negotiations failing, the tax was made effective as from the 16th inst. On the 15th of April, more than 50 guilds met and decided on a general opposition. Some thousands of workmen will be affected. In the Jade Trade, for instance, about 18,000 skilled workers are employed, while the making of paper boxes, the inspection of articles produced, and a dozen other departments of service before a jade ornament is put on the market provide employment for a like number of men and women. The leading guilds involved in the strike against the luxury tax in Canton include the Gold and Silversmith, Pearl, Jade, Ivory, Embroidery, Curios, Watch, Fur, and Cosmetics Guilds.

Other guilds, outside the luxury class, on strike against further imposts are the kerosene oil and aerated waters guilds. To strengthen the kerosene oil dealers in Canton, those at Wuchow, Kwangsi, have also been informed that no more distributions will be made and advised to cease deliveries until further notice.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

HOW IT WILL BE OBSERVED AT HOME.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Hon. Secretary of the St. George's Society of Hongkong, sends us a copy of the following letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Society of St. George, London:

London, March 4th, 1925.
Dear Sir,—The Council has much pleasure in announcing that the Lord High Chancellor of England (the Right Hon. Viscount Cave, G.C.M.G.) will preside at our Annual Banquet on St. George's-England's Day, April 23rd, at the Hotel Cecil.

The Navy League, in co-operation with our Society, will, after the Banquet, give a dance in the adjoining Victoria Hall, which our members are invited to attend, and members of the League, those eligible for membership of our Society, will dine with us.

This conjoint Commemoration on the part of two great patriotic Associations, of St. George's-England's Day, Shakespeare's Day, and Zeebrugge Day—is a new departure, and one which merits success, and a celebration of a most enjoyable and useful character is assured.

Full particulars of the dual function will reach you in due course.

The Council is this week issuing a public appeal for £10,000, in order to put our Society upon a sound financial basis. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (our President) has expressed the hope that it will meet with all success. Will you do all you possible can, and amongst friends, in support.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD RYAN,
Hon. Secretary,
The Royal Society of St. George.

WHERE IS IT?

HONGKONG ESTATE PROVES "A GOLD MINE."

The following telegram from Newton Abbott (Devonshire) appeared in a recent London paper:—

"The financial failure of Richard Woonnam, a solicitor of Newton Abbott, involved many people in this district, in heavy losses thirty years ago.

"The only thing assigned to the creditors was an estate in Hongkong, which, it was believed, was mortgaged up to the hilt.

"It is now announced that the estate has yielded many thousands of pounds to the creditors."

A statement appeared in the Home papers that in addition to extending the period of restriction by two years the new Rents Bill would allow an increase of 10 per cent in the rents of restricted houses. The Parliamentary correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* contradicted this report, saying that the Bill does not propose to allow any increase of rents whatever.

FURNITURE—

Those who would imbue their surroundings with charm will derive much inspiration from a visit to our showrooms before making purchases—All work in this Branch is carried out under European Supervision.

UPHOLSTERY—

This Department is conducted on Modern Principles. We are therefore in a position to offer you the most serviceable work in Chesterfields, Easy Chairs, Etc.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Royal Exchange, 1st Floor, 1st Floor, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL, 1925, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th APRIL, 1925, to 29th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
S. J. JORDAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th April, 1925. [2113]

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NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY Authorized M. R. SCHMIDT to Sign for Our Firm in Hongkong For Procurement.
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
Bank of China Building,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1925. [2102]

NOTICE.

MR. ISAIAS FRANCISCO DA ROCHA will be in Charge of Our Office during the Absence of Mr. CARL E. KOEHLER.
A. B. THE SWEDISH TRADING CO.,
FIL IN CHINA, LTD.,
Hongkong, 14th April, 1925. [3734]

NOTICE.

I have started Business from Date as Share and General Broker, under the Style and Name of EDWARDS & CO., at the Bank of Canton Buildings, No. 6, Des Vaux Road Central.

Mr. LEWIS A. TOBIAS, has Full Power to deal in My Name and also Sign for the Firm For Procurement.

H. E. EDWARDS,
Member of the
HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

NEW ISSUE OF CAPITAL.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby Notified that the Second and Final Call of \$5 per Share on Shares of the New Issue is payable on or before the 1st day of MAY, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company in respect of the New Issue of Shares will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 22nd day of April, until SATURDAY, the 25th day of May, 1925 (both days inclusive) during which period No Transfer of Shares of the New Issue can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 8th April, 1925. [2086]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENSHANE"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on 14th April, 1925, at 10 A.M. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Consignees are hereby notified that before Bills of Lading covering Cargo from Ball, Middleburgh and Antwerp can be counter-signed the General Average Agreement must be signed and a Deposit of 10 per cent. paid.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1925. [2087]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

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CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 10th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th inst., at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1925. [2087]

S.S. "ANDRE LEBON."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LES, etc., and also Cargo from BORDEAUX ex s.s. "VILLE DE METZ," in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Underwriter, Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 20th inst., at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. BODENFUSCH,
Agent.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1925. [2093]

LOYD TRIESTINO S.N. CO.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "DUCHESSA D'AOSTA."

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, PORT SAID, MASSAUA, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless intimation to the contrary be given before 15th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st inst. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th April, 1925. [2110]

INTIMATIONS

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, TONG & CO., 15th Floor, 15th Floor, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 25th DAY OF APRIL, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and of Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15th, to SATURDAY, APRIL 25th, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers,
B. FARRANT,
General Manager and Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1925. [2091]

CHINA PROWIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, "St. George's Building," No. 6, Cornhill, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 27th DAY OF APRIL, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers, for the year ended the 31st December, 1924, and Electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1925, until MONDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHAW, TONG & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1925. [2092]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the FOURTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 2nd MAY, 1925 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the RACE CLUBS, HONGKONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES.

Entries will Close at 12 o'clock Noon on SATURDAY, 18th APRIL, 1925. [2088]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE Clerk of the Course, Mr. F. SUTTON, having the Colony All Communications, and further notice should be addressed to the STEWARDS, c/o LUNDA & DAVIS.

HONGKONG, 8th April, 1925. [2103]

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on MONDAY, the 20th DAY OF APRIL, 1925, at 5 P.M., a DRAWING for the redemption of TWENTY (20) DEBENTURES will be held in the presence of the Hon. the Governor, the Hon. the Secretary, and the local Newspapers, and holders of drawn Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurers, waive the 5 months notice to which they are entitled, apply on the 20th APRIL, 1925, to the Treasurers, Messrs. PRATT, SMITH & FLEMING, for payment of the principal and interest to the 30th APRIL, 1925.

By order of the Committee,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th April, 1925. [2109]

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Hongkong, 14th April, 1925. [2099]

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MARRIAGE.

CURRIE-FERGUSON. At the Union Church, Hongkong, on April 15th, by the Rev. J. H. Johnson, B.A., NORMAN MCINROY, younger son of the late FREDERICK CURRIE and Mrs. CURRIE, Dundee, Scotland, to ELIZABETH MORFAT, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. FERGUSON, 7 Quarry Point, Hongkong.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 16TH, 1925.

CHILD LABOUR AT SHANGHAI.

THE news that the attendance of ratepayers yesterday at the special meeting called by the Shanghai Municipal Council to consider certain proposed by-laws for the regulation of child labour in the factories and industries of Shanghai, should have fallen short of a quorum by no less than 302 votes, is in the nature of a great surprise seeing that the Council had made a special appeal to ratepayers to extend their support to the resolutions. There is a wide public interest in this matter outside Shanghai. It has received considerable attention in the Home Press during the past few months, and has been the subject of many public addresses delivered, among others, by Dame ANNE ANDERSON, D.B.E., formerly for many years H.M. Principal Lady Inspector of Factories, who spent several months in China last year investigating factory conditions.

Sir JOHN JORDAN, too, who spent a lifetime in the Consular and Diplomatic Service in China, at one of these meetings in London, held under the presidency of the Director of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations at Geneva, spoke of the need of factory legislation and inspection in China where industry in large factories is of such recent growth. Evidently the propaganda was needed more among ratepayers of Shanghai than among people at Home. Yet it would be

entirely wrong, we think, to infer from this lack of a quorum that there is a serious want of sympathy in Shanghai with the recommendations of the Commission which are embodied in the draft by-laws. Indeed, we reproduced in our yesterday's issue a letter signed by upwards of two dozen firms—British, Japanese, American, and Chinese—representing the largest employers of labour in Shanghai expressing full sympathy with the proposed by-laws and the hope that they would be accepted and passed by the ratepayers. This letter further expressed the hope that the efforts which were being made to secure the necessary quorum at the meeting would prove successful. This makes the failure all the more astonishing. Possibly there were many ratepayers who took the view that as everybody appeared to be agreed—including the factory owners—that these by-laws were desirable, their support would not be specially needed, but this was to forget the important fact that it is necessary for one-third of the qualified voters to be present. The ratepayers had been duly warned of this by a special Notification published by the Municipal Council, and it was emphasised in these terms: "For several years past the Council has failed in its attempts to hold a Special Meeting of ratepayers, for lack of a quorum, as a consequence of which important legislation has been held up, and it is apprehensive that the past failures to hold a Special Meeting may be repeated this year, for the same reason, and thereby its efforts to improve the conditions of child labour in local industries rendered abortive." Events, unfortunately, have justified the apprehension, and it is the ratepayers and not their Municipal Council, who are to be held blameworthy in the matter. It will be widely felt that these repeated failures to get a quorum of ratepayers at Shanghai to pass important legislation does not enhance respect for the system of government in "the Model Settlement." A good deal will doubtless be heard of the latest failure in places far remote from Shanghai. It will be said, and justly, that we do these things better in Hongkong where similar legislation was passed a couple of years ago and appears to be working satisfactorily.

The promotion of Capt. J. Macrae, D.S.O. (D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Hongkong) to the rank of Major has been gazetted. Promotion dates from February 25th last.

A typhoon warning received by the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory yesterday afternoon reported a cyclone or typhoon S. of Yap, moving W. or W.N.W.

The appointment of Mr. Liang Shih Yi as President of the Bank of Communications, at the shareholders meeting next month, is foreshadowed in the Northern Chinese Press.

The hearing of the injunction, taken out by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co. against the sale by the U.S. Shipping Board of the five Trans-Pacific steamers at present operated by the P.M. Co., has been postponed until the 20th inst.

Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G., having resigned, owing to ill-health, from the Directorate of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, Mr. Archibald Auldjo Jamieson, of the Borneo Co., Ltd., has been elected to fill the vacancy.

It is stated in the Chinese Press that Mr. J. O. P. Bland is coming to China next month as the agent of a syndicate in connection with the flotation of a loan of \$20,000,000 for construction work at the port of Pukow and the building of a bridge to link Pukow with Nanking.

At the Marine Court yesterday before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hoie, R.N., an unemployed Chinese coolie was sent to prison for one month with hard labour for being on board the s.s. *Talamba* without permission. It appears that the defendant went on board just after the vessel had tied up at the Kowloon Wharf and was found in possession of a number of Singapore dollar notes under suspicious circumstances.

The annual athletic sports of the Hongkong University Union Athletic Association, which were originally fixed for Saturday, April 11th, but had to be postponed until yesterday, have now been fixed for next Wednesday afternoon on the Pokfulam ground, and it is hoped that the weather will be favourable.

The body of a man, of about 31 years of age has been found by the police on the Tin Kin Leong Hill. It is thought that the man was murdered, since the victim's head had been terribly battered, thus rendering the features unrecognisable. In the man's pockets some money and a watch were found, a sufficient testimony that the motive was not robbery. The police, however, have knowledge of a feud which existed between deceased and another man.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the week ended on April 11th shows 7 cases of small-pox, with 4 deaths, 1 fatal case of diphtheria out of 2 reported, 1 fatal case of enteric fever, and 2 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, of which 1 was fatal. During the period, 1 death occurred from influenza, a non-notifiable complaint. The return for the 24 hours ended on April 14th shows 1 case each of small-pox, diphtheria, and enteric fever. All the notifiable cases in both returns were Chinese.

The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Frank Athelstan Swettenham, G.C.M.G., C.H., to be King of Arms of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, in succession to Sir Montagu Frederick Ommaaney, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., I.S.O., who has resigned the appointment in consequence of the state of his health. Sir Frank Swettenham has had a distinguished career in the Colonial Service, concluding with the Governorship of the Straits Settlements. He was created G.C.M.G. in 1897, and was promoted to G.C.M.G. in 1909. During the war he was associated with the late Sir E. T. Cook in the direction of the Official Press Bureau.

Both Dr. C. T. Wong and Mr. Chen Chien, Director and vice-Director of the Sino-Russian negotiations, returned to Peking recently, bringing with them the proposals of Marshal Chang Tso-liang for the solution of all Russo-Chinese problems at the coming formal conference in Peking. The result of Dr. Wong's visit to Mukden is reported to be satisfactory that no separate conference between the Soviets and the Fengtien party at Mukden is necessary. In this way, says a Chinese news agency, the face of the Peking Government will be saved. The monthly allowance for the Directorate of Russo-Chinese negotiations amounts to \$120,000 including the heavy expenses in connection with the delimitation of the Manchurian-Mongolian-Sinkiang-Siberian frontiers.

The marriage was celebrated yesterday afternoon at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston officiating, of Mr. Norman McInroy Currie, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Currie of Dundee, Scotland, and Miss Elizabeth Moffat Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of Quarry Point.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of fine white georgette, trimmed with cream Chantilly lace, with a train of the same lace and a full veil with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies.

The bridesmaids were Miss Nap Ferguson (sister) and Miss Cathie Ferguson (cousin) who were attired in dresses of beige crepe de chine with georgette panels embroidered in silver, with hats to match, and carrying bouquets of pale pink roses. Little Miss Gerrie McNeillie was flower-girl and was dressed in shell pink georgette with pink and mauve rosebuds and a Dutch bonnet to match. She also carried a basket of pink and mauve sweet peas. The bride's mother was attired in a dress of special crepe marocain embroidered in shaded tones with hat to match. She carried a bouquet of tea-roses.

Mr. William A. Stewart was best man and Mr. Henry Laird Carson and Mr. Thomas Law, ushers, while Mr. Stanley Collett was at the organ.</

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]FRENCH POLITICAL CRISIS.
M. PAINEVE MAY UNDERTAKE
FORMATION OF MINISTRY.

CONTINUATION OF M. BRIAND.

PARIS, April 15th.

M. Briand, talking to his friends, anticipated that M. Paineve would more readily find support than himself. "I made the mistake of my political career in reading on a few toes; and, naturally, I met the owners' toes again when I was asked to wait until the National Socialist Council decided its conditions for supporting me. But I have an idea that when a rope is made to support a hanged man, it is better not to be at the end of that rope."

According to *L'Echo de Paris*, which predicts M. Paineve will agree to form a Cabinet—but that his Government will be ephemeral—the main obstacle in M. Briand's path was M. Herriot's hostility.

The newspapers insist on a speedy solution of the crisis in the national interest, the organs of the Left declaring that M. Paineve has no right to shirk the responsibility.

SUPPORT OF SOCIALISTS.

LATER.

M. Paineve received a delegation from the National Socialist Council, which assured him of support, identical with that given M. Herriot.

EARLIER CABLES.

BRIAND ABANDONS TASK.

PARIS, April 14th.

M. Briand has abandoned the task of forming a Cabinet.

M. Briand's announcement of his abandonment of forming a Cabinet was made at a meeting of Republican Socialists.

M. Briand explained that the Socialists had not merely refused to join the Cabinet, but had made their support dependent upon conditions which he considered incompatible with his conception of the Premiership.

President Doumergue has asked M. Paineve to form a Cabinet, and the latter has promised to answer to-morrow after he has consulted with his friends.

Both Chambers will meet to-morrow to vote on the Bill authorizing the Banque de France to issue four milliards of francs worth of notes, thus regularizing the Banque's position before its issue of the next weekly balance-sheet.

The Nationalist-Socialist Council have unanimously declined to join the Briand Ministry.

LATEST CABLES.

PRINCE OF WALES.

NIGERIAN PROGRAMME ONCE
AGAIN ALTERED.

LAGOS, April 15th.

The Prince of Wales' programme in Nigeria has again been altered. Now he will avoid Oyo, where small-pox has broken out.

He should have attended a *durbur* at Oyo on April 20th.

The Prince is disappointed, but deferred to the decision of the local Medical Authorities. It is hoped the quarantine at Lagos will be lifted by April 18th to enable the Prince of Wales to lay the foundation stone of the new cathedral.

EARLIER CABLES.

KING BORIS IN PERIL.

ATTEMPT AT ASSASSINATION
ENDS IN FAILURE.

MURDER OF GENERAL SUCCEEDS.

SOFIA, April 14th.

A motor-car in which King Boris was travelling to Sofia was ambushed outside the city yesterday, by an Agraro-Communist band, which fired a fusillade, killing two attendants and wounding the chauffeur. His Majesty escaped uninjured.

Troops are at present scouring the countryside in search of the assassins.

GENERAL ASSASSINATED.

There was a second outrage in Sofia yesterday evening, when General Sheerghief, a member of the Chamber and leader of the movement to overthrow the Stambouliski Government, was assassinated outside his residence.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS IN LEAGUE
MATCHES.

LONDON, April 14th.

The English League matches played to-day resulted as follows:—

DIVISION I.

Arsenal, 2; West Brom., 0.
Huddersfield, 2; Bury, 0.
Leeds, 2; Bolton, 0.
West Ham, 0; Sheffield U., 2.

DIVISION II.

Bradford, 0; Blackpool, 0.
Coventry, 1; Clapton, 0.
Fulham, 1; Barnsley, 2.
Leicester, 0; Southampton, 0.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Bristol R., 1; Reading, 0.
Middlesbrough, 0; Watford, 1.
Northampton, 1; Queen's Park R., 0.
Norwich, 0; Southend, 1.
Newport, 2; Charlton, 1.

DIVISION III. (NORTH).

Doncaster, 1; Nelson, 1.
Halifax, 1; Darlington, 1.
Rochdale, 2; N. Brighton, 0.
Rotherham, 1; Southport, 3.
Tranmere, 2; Wigan, 3.
Chesterfield, 2; Grimsby, 0.

LATEST CABLES.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN SARGENT.

LONDON, April 15th.

The death is announced of Mr. John Sargent, R.A.

[The late Mr. Sargent, was born at Florence in 1856, of American parents. He exhibited at the Paris Salon in 1879, and has continually had pictures hung there and at the Royal Academy since. He was the most fashionable as he was the greatest and most daring of living portrait painters. Of late years he has confined himself chiefly to landscapes, though in 1923 he had portraits of leading Generals hung in the Royal Academy.]

LATEST CABLES.

[REUTERS AMERICAN SERVICE.]

PLOT IN COLOMBIA.

ARMY OFFICERS FOILED IN
ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT.

BOGOTA, April 15th.

While the President of the Colombia Republic was supposed to be absent from the Capital visiting various departments, a group of army officers planned a coup d'etat. They proposed to capture the Palace and overthrow the Government.

But the President returned suddenly and had the conspirators thrown into prison. An investigation was immediately begun to ascertain the ramifications of the plot.

[Bogota, formerly Santa Fe de Bogota, is the capital of the United States of Colombia, in the State of Cundinamarca, situated in 4° 35' N., 74° 14' W.]

EARLIER CABLES.

RUMANIA'S DEBTS.

UNITED STATES IS ANXIOUS FOR
FUNDING AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, April 14th.

The United States Minister at Bucharest has drawn the attention of the Rumanian Government to the fact that while it has negotiated debt funding agreements with other nations, it has not acted similarly in connection with the Rumanian debt to the United States.

Exports from the United States in March amounted to \$452,000,000 and the imports were \$285,000,000, with one exception the imports being the largest for four years, while, with two exceptions the exports were the largest for 43 months.

President Coolidge points out in this regard that if prices are calculated on the 1914 level the volume of trade has increased in quantity by 50 per cent.

U.S. PROHIBITION LAW.

BRITISH SCHOONER CAPTURED
AFTER STERN CHASE.

NEW YORK, April 14th.

After a 150 mile chase lasting twelve hours, the British schooner *Madeleine Adams*, with all sails set and her engines going at full speed, was captured 20 miles from the shore by a coastguard cutter, which opened fire as she pursued the schooner, and brought ashore the crew of nine, who are being detained and charged with violating the Anglo-American Treaty.

The officials say that two men from the schooner were brought in by the coastguard on April 13th, when the latter pretended to accept a bribe to smuggle in 500 cases of whisky and champagne, and brought in the liquor and two members of the crew ashore in the coastguard's motor-boat.

It is stated that smuggling by means of Government boats is frequently attempted.

The *Madeleine Adams* is valued at \$75,000 and her cargo at \$500,000.

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

CHINA'S CUSTOMS TARIFF.

SINO-FRENCH CORRESPONDENCE
NOW PUBLISHED.

PEKING, April 14th.

The following is a free translation of the letters exchanged between Mr. Shen Jui Lin (Foreign Minister and Count de Martel (French Minister) handed out in French to Press representatives last night:—

A letter from the Foreign Minister to the French Minister, dated April 8th, is as follows:—

"Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to report to your Excellency that according to the terms of the treaty concluded at Washington between the Nine Powers concerning the Chinese Customs Tariff, a special conference charged with adjusting all questions relative to the abolition of *likin*, general increase in the duties, collection of surtax of two and a half per cent. *ad valorem*, raising the tariff upon articles of luxury and a revision of the tariff on land frontiers, would meet in China within three months after the coming into force of the treaty at a place and on a date to be fixed by the Chinese Government. Most assuredly the *Washington Conference* on the subject of adjustment of the Customs Tariff have not been satisfied on all points, but the Chinese Government are none the less grateful to the Governments of the interested Powers who have agreed upon the prompt meeting of a special conference to bring efficient help to China.

The Chinese Government hoped particularly that these arrangements would be put in force at the fixed time, but for two years the projected conference has not been convened owing to the treaty not having been ratified by all the signatory Powers. In letters addressed to the Waichiaopu, the Ministers of France have maintained that the regulations for the payment in gold of the French part of the 1901 Indemnity are bound up with the ratification of the *Washington Treaty*. The Chinese Government, having studied the question thoroughly, have come to the firm conviction that the meeting of a special conference was decided in common accord by all the Powers represented at the *Washington Conference*, a decision with which your Excellency's Government should have conformed, without delay.

While the method of payment of the Indemnity is quite a different question, which cannot be connected in any manner with the meeting of the special conference, the Chinese Government hopes that the French Government, animated by sentiments of friendship towards China, will ratify with the briefest delay the *Washington Agreement*, so as to permit of the immediate convocation of the special conference.

"Hoping to receive a prompt answer, please accept the assurance of my highest consideration," etc.

THE FRENCH REPLIES.

The following is a letter from the French Minister to the Foreign Minister, dated April 9th:—

"Monsieur le Ministre,

In response to the communication of your Excellency dated April 8th I have the honour to acquaint you with the fact that I am authorised to make known to the Chinese Government that the French Government now engages to make a beginning as soon as possible and hasten by all means the process of approval of the French part of the Indemnity and the ratification of the treaty concluded at Washington on February 8th, 1922, and make speed for the prompt meeting of the special conference provided for in Article II of that Agreement, which related to the Chinese Customs Tariff.

"It is pleasant, in bringing this communication to the knowledge of your Excellency, to state that henceforth the meeting of the projected conference ought not to be long postponed."

"Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration," etc.

The following is a letter from the French Minister to the Foreign Minister dated April 2nd:—

"Monsieur le Ministre,

I have the honour to make known to your Excellency that I have been authorised by my Government to adhere to the application of the Customs surtax, the proceeds of which are destined for the relief of the flood victims."

"I am happy to bring this decision to the knowledge of your Excellency. Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration," etc.

(Continued on next column).

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CHILD LABOUR IN SHANGHAI.

LACK OF QUORUM PREVENTS
MUNICIPAL DISCUSSION.

SHANGHAI, April 15th.

Owing to the lack of the 302 votes necessary to form a quorum, the Extraordinary Meeting of Ratepayers was not held to-day to discuss the Municipal Council's resolution with regard to Child Labour in Shanghai.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CONSIGNMENT OF ARMS.

ALLEGED BIG SEIZURE ON
GERMAN STEAMER.

SHANGHAI, April 15th.

The *China Press* reports that 8,000 Mauser pistols and 1,400,000 rounds of ammunition, valued between six and eight hundred thousand dollars, are alleged to have been seized in a raid on the German steamer, *R. C. Rickmers*, by local Customs officials on Monday morning.

The *s.s. R. C. Rickmers* arrived here on Sunday from Dairen.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH PRESS VIEW.

PARIS, April 15th.

Le Journal expresses the opinion that the Chinese Government, to get the money needed by it, must increase the Customs duties tariff. But such increase requires the agreement of all the Powers including France.

China promises again to resume payment of the Boxer Indemnity in gold. Let us hope the promise will be kept.—*Havas*.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

CHINA AND SOVIET.

M. KARAKHAN ON QUESTION
OF "WHITE GUARDS."

PEKING, April 14th.

The *Rosta Agency* publishes a Note which M. Karakhan addressed to the Waichiaopu on the 11th inst., on the subject of "White Guards" in the Chinese Army.

The Note was in reply to the Chinese Note of March 26th, which stated that there was under Chang Tsung Chang's command a detachment of between 300 and 400 White Guards who had adopted Chinese citizenship, but there had been no enlistment of White Guards into the Chinese Army at Shanghai, and this detachment, the presence of which in the Russo-Chinese Agreement, will be disbanded as soon as the general situation is settled.

M. Karakhan insists that the detachment numbers over 1,000, and was originally recruited in Manchuria and filled up with the White Guards at Shanghai.

After contesting at great length the claim that they are Chinese citizens, the Note insists "most resolutely" on the immediate liquidation of the detachment and warningly declares, "with this attitude of the Chinese authorities towards the obligations undertaken by them there will become quite doubtful the expediency and the successful outcome of the new negotiations for fresh agreements which it is proposed to conclude at the pending conference."

TUPAN OF HONAN.

YUEH WEI CHUN MAY SUCCEED
HU CHING YI.

PEKING, April 14th.

It is reported that the Cabinet have decided to appoint Yueh Wei Chun to succeed Hu Ching Yi as Tupan of Honan, but Chang Tso Lin and Peng Ya Hsiang are being consulted before the mandate is issued.

A mandate will be issued shortly posthumously conferring the rank of Marshal on Hu Ching Yi. Ten thousand dollars for the funeral expenses. Liu Chin Chow, Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, will be sent to offer sacrificial rites before the remains of Hu Ching Yi on behalf of the Government.

ARAB "DIE-HARDS."

EXPLAINING EXTREME POINTS
OF VIEW.A correspondent of the *Times* recently in Palestine, wrote on March 18th:—

Lord Balfour is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will open the Hebrew University on April 1st, and apparently the Arab community has already begun to rehearse its ceremonial of mourning in honour of the occasion. His arrival is to be celebrated by a complete cessation of work by the closing of the Arab "Holy Places" by the appearance of the funeral black borders on the pages of the Arab newspapers, and by the calling of meetings in prayer and protest all over the country. In other words, the Arabs have decided to give a last-class imitation of what the Indian agitator would call a *hartal*.

Burials are not very useful instruments for securing constitutional reform, and the stubborn determination of the Palestine Arab to stick to his antiquated method of protesting against the future is the despair of his friends to-day. He never tires of reciting his alleged grievances, but he seems either unable or unwilling to suggest a remedy. It is this hopelessly obstructive spirit which prompted him to scorn the Constitution of September, 1922, to refuse to exercise the considerable voting powers offered to him, and to reject the proposal for an Arab agency that was made in the following year.

A little while ago the writer had a conversation in Jerusalem with the Grand Mufti—a tall, red-bearded Arab whose dignity of bearing added to the picturesque quality of his white headress and long black silk robe. He was full of stories about the injustice done to his people by an unympathetic Administration and the usurping Jew. But when he was politely asked to suggest some scheme that would lead to a solution of the problem and at the same time satisfy the honour of his race he merely folded his arms, looked through his window across the flagged courtyard of the Mosque of Omar, and said haughtily "The Arab people will never accept anything founded on that false Declaration."

Over and over again one hears the echo of this sentiment. It does not mean much, it certainly leads nowhere. In exactly the same way, the *Cairo Effendi*, which asked for his suggestion as to the safeguarding of the Nile water supply, automatically casts his eyes heavenwards and repeats "Long live Zaghul and the independence of Egypt." Both points of view are equally exasperating to those who are sincerely anxious to find the just answer to a question that is admittedly bristling with difficulties.

Nothing to the Palestine Arab that the accusations against the Administration which they recited in a pompous report to the League of Nations Mandates Committee last year were disproved one by one. He continues to complain about the past and refuses to discuss the future. The pity is that his unreasonable attitude is fast losing him the sympathy of even those British who five years ago were frankly anti-Zionist.

TWO EXTREMES.

A minor result of the bitterness of the Arab attitude—as expressed by its leaders—is to make it difficult indeed for the observer who visits Palestine to gauge the real truth of the situation as it is to-day. He has to sift two extreme points of view, for if he is met with nothing but gloomy shaking of the head from the Arab, he finds an exaggerated optimism on the part of the Jew that a while becomes almost as irritating. The Jew would have you believe that everything in the mandate is lovely with the possible exception of the Arab farmer. But even the Arab farmer, according to your "Zionist's" story—is beginning to realize that his sole mission in life is to sell his *dunams* of land to his kind Jewish neighbours across the road. 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PRINCE AND SCIENCE.

ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

A POPULAR CHOICE.

The interesting announcement was made by Sir Ernest Rutherford, at a meeting of the Council of the British Association for the Advancement of Science recently, that the Prince of Wales had agreed to accept, if elected, the presidency of the meeting of the Association to be held at Oxford in 1926. At a special meeting of the General Committee, which was held immediately afterwards, Sir Ernest Rutherford proposed from the chair the election of his Royal Highness, and the motion was unanimously adopted at once with acclamation.

As a rule the president is nominated at a meeting of the Council in March, and formally appointed by the General Committee, in the summer. In the present instance, however, it was thought proper to make the appointment earlier, and for the Council to inform the General Committee at once. Many of the Prince's engagements for 1926 have already been made, and in order to suit the convenience of his Royal Highness, the meeting of the Association at Oxford has been arranged to take place either from July 25th to August 4th or from August 4th to August 11th.

A UNANIMOUS CHOICE.

The *Manchester Guardian* has suggested that there is a feeling amongst a certain number of scientific men that the selection of the Prince of Wales as President is inappropriate. "The opening speech of the President," states the writer, "has been established as an important scientific event of the year—in some cases the event of the year, bearing announcements that have made scientific history. To go back now in the established system would be to deprive the British Association of some of its peculiar prestige."

The *London Observer* makes the following comments on this statement:—

"No grounds can be discovered, however, for the assertion that certain scientists were opposed to the Prince's election. On the contrary, the proposal was carried not only without a dissentient voice, but with manifest enthusiasm. As regards a departure from precedent, it may be pointed out that, in the earlier days of the Association, there were several instances in which noblemen were elected to the Presidential chair, in accordance with the spirit of the times. On the last occasion, that the meeting was held at Oxford—in 1894—the late Lord Salisbury was the President, and although he was a man of considerable scientific attainments, he was not a practising scientist."

The opinion held by men of science generally is that the Prince of Wales, better than anybody else, could help to further one of the primary objects set forth in 1831 in the original founders' documents, namely: "To obtain more general attention for the objects of science, and the removal of any disadvantages of a public kind which impede its progress." While it is true that certain important scientific announcements have been made in a Presidential address, the President has contented himself, as a rule, with making a survey of his own particular field of science, or forecasting its possibilities; and there are many instances on record of a different type of address, in which a President has gone outside his own particular sphere of research.

TORONTO COMPLIMENTS.

There is no justification for the supposition that the offer of the Presidency would be distasteful to the Prince of Wales, and would only be accepted by him as "a painful duty." On the contrary, his personal interest in all the intellectual activities of his time is well-known, and when the British Association met at Toronto last year his Royal Highness sent the members a letter of good wishes. It will be remembered, which caused immense gratification throughout the whole of Canada. The letter was as follows:—

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT.—Will you be good enough to convey to the members of the British Association, at their inaugural meeting at Toronto, my cordial good wishes for a very successful session! My knowledge of Canada assures me that your visit will be warmly welcomed, and that nothing but good can come of such a gathering, where representatives of the most advanced thought from the old country will meet in discussion the equally keen and active intellects of the younger land."

"My interest has been particularly arrested by one item that is to come up for discussion, namely, the educational training of boys and girls in this country for life overseas. The call of the Empire for a wider distribution of the home population, for men and women to open up the vast unutilized areas in the great overseas Dominions, is more imperative to-day than at any time in its history."

"I congratulate the Association on thus showing in its deliberations such a broad interest in these problems, and I trust, and indeed am confident, that the influence thus exercised may result in great and extended benefits to the Empire.—Yours truly,

"EDWARD P."

LOVE FOR OXFORD.

If it may well be, that the British Association welcomes the election of a President for next year as furnishing that body with an opportunity for paying his Royal Highness a graceful compliment in return for his courteous interest last year, by asking him to honour the Association by presiding at the Oxford gathering. Apart from his interest in the work of the British Association, an additional reason that would be likely to weigh with the Prince in accepting the invitation, is his well-known love for Oxford, where his Royal Highness spent many happy days when at college.

HAIR AND SMOKE.

DISCUSSING A STARTLING NEW THEORY.

From time to time prophets want to make our flesh creep with the prediction that our posterity will have no hair. They assure us that when "man was an ape in the days that were earlier," he was like other apes, or even more hairy, quite a furry creature. The robust thanksgiving of Mr. Belloc that he was "made a man instead of a beast whose hide is covered with hair," wakes no chord in the hearts of these votaries of science who mournfully bid us mark that man has been growing bald and bald, all down the ages, and must expect soon to attain in that matter finally. But they are apt to be vague as to the causes of denudation. The more eagerly, therefore, do we welcome Mr. H. S. Harper-Roberts. He knows. Only civilized men, he declares, are bald. We know of instances to the contrary, but it might be libellous to produce them. Among the civilized, the townsman is more denuded than the peasant.

But most startling is the information that tobacco is to blame. "Smoking," which introduces poison in the blood," says our sage, "is a cause of baldness." This leaves King James I. standing still. He never thought of that, though he thought of a good deal, when he cursed smoking. "A custom loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the black, stinking fume thereof nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless." But what is the evidence for the baldness of smokers? Europe has only known tobacco for some four hundred years. There were bald men before that. Caesar, for instance, and Aeschylus. Have there been more bald men since? There is no means of proof. Are smokers more prone to lose their hair than that small remnant of mankind which does not smoke? Have women become more denuded since they took up the cigarette? It is impossible to find any conclusive evidence. One heavy smoker, like Tennyson, goes bald. Another, like Carlyle, keeps his hair on. It is to be assumed in all polite argument that a woman never loses hers. But if the thing were true we doubt whether a hundred smokers in England would give up smoking.

Some men there are who have a horror of baldness. A story is told of Tennyson travelling with Moxon, the publisher, and falling into a state of gloom. After some days of silent mourning the poet gave tongue. "Moxon," said he, "you made me very unhappy by what you said at Lucerne." In vain Moxon endeavored his brains to remember what that was. "You said," the poet reproached him, "Why, Alfred, you will soon be as bald as Speeding," whose head was a beacon and a byword. But even Tennyson if he had been told to choose between the hyacinthine locks of a bard and his day pipe would have declared to win by the day.—*The Daily Telegraph.*

AUSTRALIAN'S STATE SHIPS.

Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Prime Minister, when asked if there was any proposition that the trade unions could make which would require the Government to retain certain ships of the Commonwealth Line, for which tenders have been invited, replied:—

"The position is that the unions concerned have had the opportunity for years to show that they wanted this line to run, and that they were prepared to treat it in a way that would enable it to be conducted without incurring heavy losses. The history of the line shows that the unions have never given it that treatment. It is only now, when they see the result of their actions, that any suggestion is made. The Government's decision is final. We shall sell the ships if we get a fair offer for them. They certainly will not be sacrificed."

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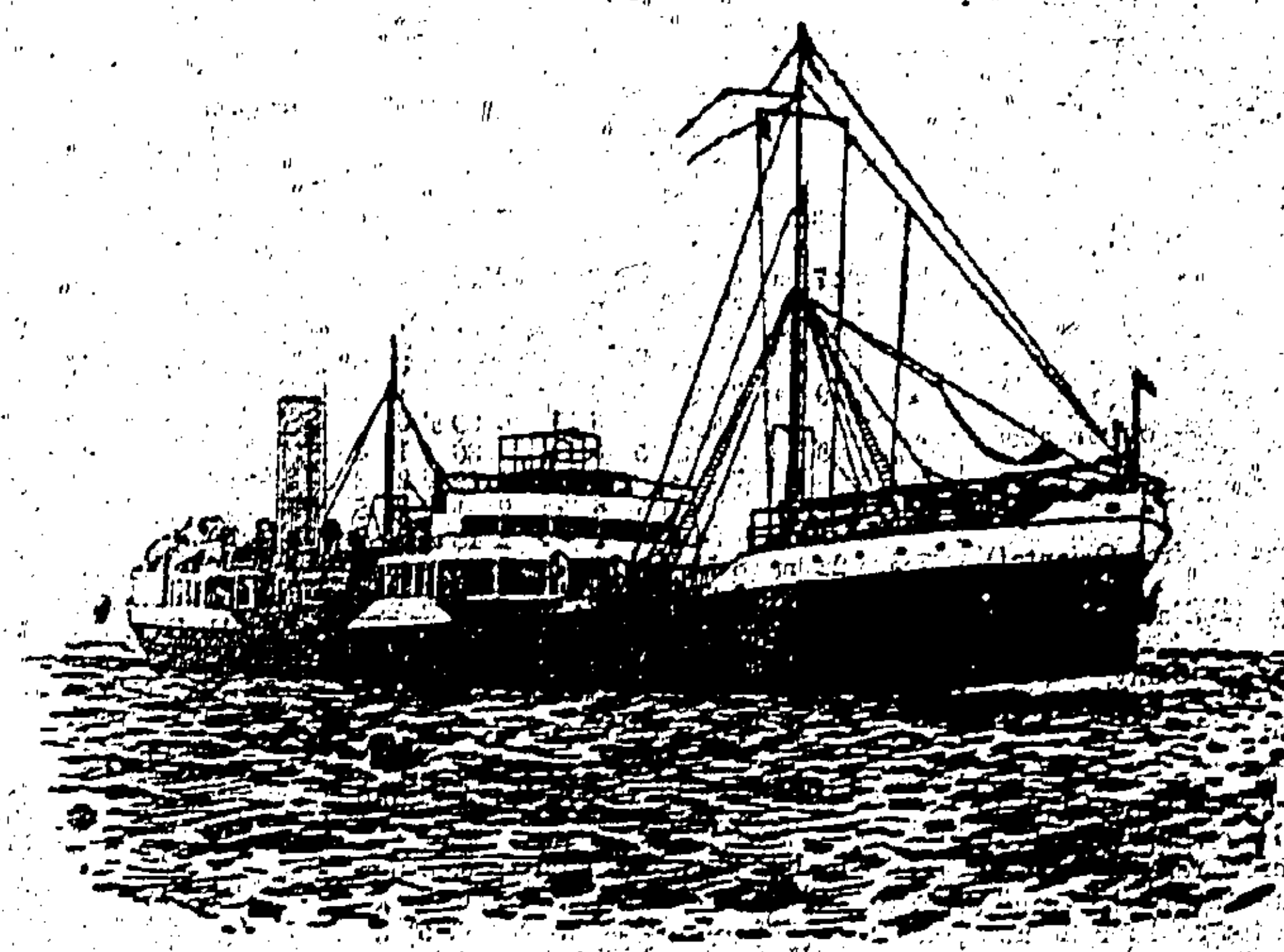
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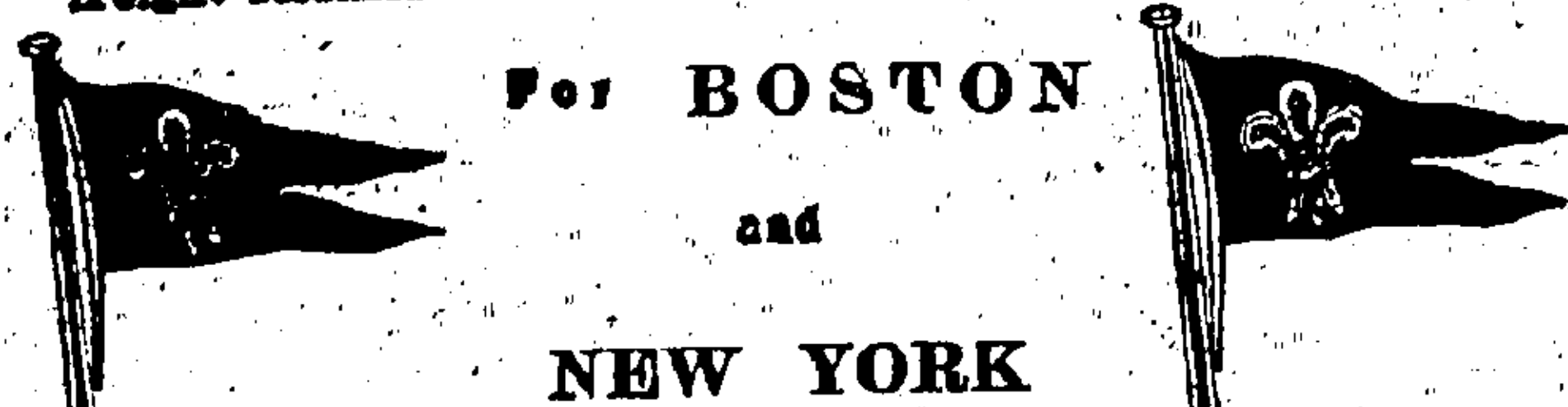
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"MACDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
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"SARDINIA"	6,684	18th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN"	6,684	28th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"NAGOYA"	6,684	31st May	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,613	10th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	13th June	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,067	6th July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHMIR"	8,965	11th July	Mars., London & Antwerp
"SARDINIA"	6,684	22nd July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MANTUA"	10,903	25th July	Marseilles London
"KASHGAR"	8,006	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MACDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London
"KARNATAKA"	16,227	4th Sept.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMALA"	9,128	18th Sept.	Marseilles, London, & A'werp.

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"TALMA"	10,000	24th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"TILAWA"	10,006	30th Apr.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	8th May	do.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	21st May	do.
"TAIBRA"	7,938	28th May	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	4th June	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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"TALAMBA"	6,018	17th Apr. Noon	Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,684	17th Apr. D.L.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NAGOYA"	6,684	23rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKLIWA"	7,938	24th Apr.	Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"SOUDAN"	6,684	1st May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TAIBRA"	7,938	4th May	Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	9th May	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"SICILIA"	6,613	15th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	15th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"MALWA"	10,941	17th May	Kobe
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"MALWA"	10,941	18th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIEN-TSIN	"BUICHOW"	On 16th Apr. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO, TIEN-TSIN & NEWCHANG	"PAKHOI"	On 16th Apr. 4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Apr. Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHUAN"	On 18th Apr. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	On 19th Apr. 11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 19th Apr. 11 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 20th Apr. 5 p.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 22nd Apr. 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 22nd Apr. 11 a.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"TEAN"	On 25th Apr. 10 a.m.
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